

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4 and add new claims 8-9 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device, comprising the steps of:

forming a plurality of main seal patterns and dummy seal patterns on one of a pair of substrates by a sealant, the main seal patterns individually enclosing each of a plurality of display areas, and the dummy seal patterns individually enclosing each of the plurality of main seal patterns ~~and~~, all sides of the dummy seal patterns facing sides of the one substrate being interconnected along the edge of the one substrate;

dropping liquid crystals on one of the pair of the substrates;

bonding the pair of the substrates in a vacuum atmosphere by the sealant which constitutes the main seal patterns and the dummy seal patterns; and

curing the sealant which constitutes the main seal patterns and the dummy seal patterns.

2. (Currently amended) The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, ~~wherein the dummy seal patterns comprise a plurality of first dummy seal patterns which individually enclose each of the plurality of main seal patterns, and~~ further comprising a second dummy seal pattern which encloses all the plurality of ~~first~~ main seal patterns and dummy seal patterns.

3. (Currently amended) The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein an interval between the main seal patterns and the ~~first~~ dummy seal patterns is larger than an interval between the ~~first~~ dummy seal patterns and the second dummy seal ~~patterns~~pattern.

4. (Currently amended) The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, ~~wherein the dummy seal patterns comprise a plurality of first dummy seal patterns which individually enclose each of the plurality of main seal patterns, and~~further comprising a plurality of second dummy seal patterns which individually interconnect between sides of the ~~first~~ dummy seal patterns facing sides of the one substrate.

5. (Original) The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein an ultraviolet curing sealant is used as the sealant.

6. (Original) The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein spacers for maintaining uniform cell gaps are provided on one of the substrates.

7. (Original) The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein domain restricting protrusions are provided on at least one of the pair of the substrates.

8. (New) The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein vacuum inside the plurality of the dummy seal patterns is maintained by the second dummy seal pattern from the time that the pair of the substrates are bonded with the sealant until the sealant is cured.

9. (New) The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 4, wherein vacuum in the portion between sides of the dummy seal patterns is maintained by the plurality of second dummy seal patterns from the time that the pair of the substrates are bonded with the sealant until the sealant is cured.